

## ICE DRIVES SHIP AWAY

Weems Line Boat, Due to Leave  
in the Afternoon, Puts Out  
in the Morning.

### THE SECOND BANK AT LOUISA

Well Known Citizen of the  
Northern Neck Suffers Second  
Stroke of Paralysis.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Jan. 4.—  
The Weems Line steamer due to leave  
here for Baltimore this afternoon had  
to leave her wharf at 7 o'clock this morn-  
ing, owing to the heavy ice.

Fire in Spotsylvania county destroyed  
the large barn belonging to William  
Pryor. Besides the building, two good  
horses and a large quantity of feed and  
hay were consumed.

A second bank will not be established  
at Louisa, Courthouse, was recently  
contemplated. The incorporators of the  
proposed Citizens' Bank will take stock  
in the bank of Louisa, which will increase  
its capital and one banking institution  
will be strengthened instead of the vil-  
lage having two to weaken each other.

Mr. Ezekiel Wells, an aged and well  
known citizen of the Northern Neck, has  
suffered a second stroke of paralysis,  
and is in a critical condition.

TRAVELER'S REST SOLD.  
Mr. Walter Bevis has purchased of Mr.  
Edward Nelson, the well known estate  
in Northumberland county, called "Travel-  
er's Rest."

Mr. J. L. Hullfish and family, of Prince  
William county, have moved to Waynes-  
boro, Va., where Mr. Hullfish has  
purchased an interest in a large  
carriage manufactory.

Mr. Frank Brown, of Orange county,  
has his leg badly broken by a tree falling  
on him, while cutting timber.

The week of prayer services com-  
menced to-night at the Christian Church,  
the subject designated being "Warrenton,  
Peace and Power, of Prayer and Inter-  
cession." The speakers were Rev. Mr. Mc-  
Alpine and Rev. Deane Edwards.

The services will be continued through the  
week, alternating at different churches,  
with different speakers each night, most  
of the ministers of the city participat-  
ing.

MINISTER TO WED.  
Rev. Hugh T. Musselman, formerly of  
this city, now minister of the Baptist  
Church at Mayville, Ky., will be mar-  
ried on January 11th, to Miss L. Alberta  
Glasscock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.  
Albert Glasscock, the ceremony to take  
place at the First Baptist Church at  
Mayville, Ky. Musselman is a son of  
Mr. J. T. Musselman, of this city.

Lieutenant and Mrs. R. S. Knox re-  
turned here Saturday night from their  
bridal tour, and left to-day for Montana,  
where Lieutenant Knox, who is in the  
United States army, is now stationed.

SAVED IN BREECHES BUOY  
(Three-Masted Schooner, Blown  
Ashore at Smith's Island.)

(By Associated Press.)  
NORFOLK, VA., Jan. 4.—In a fifty-  
mile gale of wind that whipped up ex-  
tremely rough and dangerous seas, the  
gallant crew of Smith's Island life saving  
station, in the darkness of early Sunday  
morning, rescued the crew of the strand-  
ered, three-masted schooner Joseph J.  
Thuro, which was blown ashore on Car-  
ter's Bar during the height of the se-  
vere storm that swept up the coast. It  
was one of the most thrilling rescues of  
the season.

Captain Perry was beating his way  
along the coast from New York, bound  
to Richmond, when he ran into the howl-  
ing blow that struck the Atlantic sea-  
craft, which was unladen, became un-  
manageable and was driven around to  
a great distance from the life saving sta-  
tion. She was sighted shortly after she  
struck and the life savers hurried at once  
to the assistance of the crew of six  
men. The tremendous seas broke over  
the helpless craft at every ponderous  
roll. In a short time it was very evident  
that the vessel was doomed.

With the aid of the breeches buoy the  
life savers succeeded in bringing Captain  
Perry and his seven men safely ashore.  
The rescue was one of the quickest and  
cleverest executed performances in the  
recent history of the life saving service.

It was reported yesterday that the  
Thuro would prove a total loss. The vessel  
is a frequent trader at this port and is  
owned by a New York shipping firm.

SECRET MARRIAGE.  
Mr. W. A. Strother and Miss  
Dorothy Brown.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, VA.,  
Jan. 4.—Miss Dorothy Brown, the adopt-  
ed daughter of Mrs. C. A. Brown, mother  
of Mr. Kenneth Brown, the author, and  
Mr. W. A. Strother, of Lynchburg, Va.,  
a third year student in the medical de-  
partment of the University, was secretly  
married in the Hill City Tuesday be-  
fore Christmas.

After the holidays, a rumor be-  
came circulated that the young people  
were married, but this was denied by  
the friends of both parties. Mr.  
Strother and his bride, when asked if it  
were true, gave little satisfaction to in-  
quiries, but this morning public an-  
nouncement of the wedding was made.  
The ceremony took place on the evening  
of the 23d, at one of the Lynchburg pa-  
rsonages, but Mr. Strother did not men-  
tion the name of the officiating minister.

Mr. and Mrs. Strother are now residing  
in one of the cottages on the Ivy road,  
not far from the University, and in close  
proximity to the West Campus. The de-  
lightful home of Messrs. Boone and  
Brown, the well known authors. Mr.  
Strother will complete his medical studies  
at this institution.

The bride is quite popular here at the  
University, where she has taken an ac-  
tive part in social events for two or  
three years past.

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CONTEMPTUOUS  
PARAGRAPHS  
Congressman Glass Makes Final  
Reply to Captain Dick  
Marshall.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
LYNCHBURG, VA., Jan. 4.—The Lynch-  
burg News, Congressman Carter Glass,  
editor, under the caption "On Parade,"  
prints the last card of Captain R. C.  
Marshall, of Portsmouth, together with  
the latter's published explanation that  
his letter of December 29th was provoked  
by the "blatant personal attack on him  
and on his career" in The Daily News  
of December 25th. In reproducing Cap-  
tain Marshall's card, the News, with  
veiled sarcasm, praises the Portsmouth  
man's anxiety to convince the public  
that his letter of December 29th to Mr.  
Glass was really intended to be a coup  
de grace.

The News then dismisses the card itself  
in two severely contemptuous sentences,  
saying:  
"Pish! What could exceed the spectacle  
of a disgraced politician strutting in the  
casualty of a bygone time and  
casualty, vainly endeavoring to hide his  
wells! And this, too, when the period and  
place of his ghost he adores are not so  
long spent that men now do not know  
that men then, confessedly affronted,  
did not answer with spume, and sputter!"

The card referred to above is the one  
from Captain Marshall which was pub-  
lished in The Times-Dispatch of Satur-  
day, in which he said Mr. Glass was  
satisfied with the card and would pay no  
attention to further publications.

LAST FRANKLIN COURT.  
Early Camp, Confederate Veter-  
ans, Holds Its First Meeting.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
ROCKY MOUNT, VA., Jan. 4.—Under  
the new Constitution the last Court  
Court was held here to-day. It was well  
attended.

J. A. Early Camp, Confederate Veter-  
ans, held its first meeting to-day, since  
its organization at last court one month  
ago. Resolutions were passed, naming  
Monday in August for the holding of a  
new court. The new constitution of the  
United States Senator John W. Daniel  
addressed the old soldiers on that date.

Mr. J. P. Dudley, a prominent retired  
merchant and former president of a bank  
at Rocky Mount some years ago, was  
stricken with paralysis Sunday night  
last, at his home at Union Hall. He is  
not expected to recover.

Mrs. Brown, mother of Mr. R. S. Brown,  
former superintendent of the city of  
Monday night, aged ninety-four years.

DUAL TREASURERS.  
Captain Koonitz Goes Bow Shot  
Further Than Mr. Brauer.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WOODSTOCK, VA., Jan. 4.—After serv-  
ing Shenandoah county for thirty years  
as treasurer, Captain George W. Koonitz,  
retiring from the office, carried all pa-  
pers, books, tax receipts and money with  
him, and his successor, J. C. Hutcheson,  
finds himself unable to transact any  
business.

Captain Koonitz has fitted himself up  
an office on Main Street, where he is  
proceeding to collect the delinquent taxes,  
disburse money upon warrants and closing  
up his affairs of office and paying school  
teachers when warrants are presented.

New Year Ball.  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
ONANCOCK, VA., Jan. 4.—The annual  
ball of the New Year took place at  
Hopkins Hall Friday evening. Nearly  
one hundred guests were present, and  
the music was furnished by an orchestra  
from Norfolk. The chaperones were Mrs.  
E. B. Finney, Mrs. William C. West, Mrs.  
O. L. Parker, and Mrs. S. E. Geiger.

Among those present were: Misses  
Crouse, of Richmond; Miss Maida Revel,  
of Baltimore; Misses Mabel Parker and  
Maude Rayfield, of Parkley; Misses  
Joanna Fisher and Nannie Wilkins, of  
Eastville; Mrs. Charles Cullen, of Del.  
Miss Josephine Lillian, of Accomac; Misses  
Bibel Finney, Maudie Parker, Margaret  
West, Lettie and Octavia Geiger,  
Frances, Bessie, and Constance Taylor,  
Pansy Wilkins, Nellie Powell, Annie  
Pogue, Vernetta Northam, Mary Warren  
and Madeline Rich; Mrs. B. L. Shields,  
Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Nottingham, Mr. and  
Mrs. Otto L. Parker; Messrs. J. Drum-  
mond Fosque, John P. West and Samuel  
T. Waples, of Blacksburg, Va.; Harvey  
Morris, of Salisbury, Md.; Drs. Herbert  
and Howard Lillian, of Accomac; Roy  
and John White and Preston Parkes,  
of Parkley; William C. West, George H.  
Powell, E. F. Warren, Stewart K. Powell,  
Robert Powell, Varner Ames, John Cusick,  
Robert B. Powell, Dr. George Lee  
Fosque, T. W. Taylor, Jr.

Large Barn Burned.  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WARRENTON, VA., Jan. 4.—A large  
barn near Oron, on which there was no  
insurance and valued at \$1,200, was burn-  
ed to the ground New Year's eve, with its  
contents, among which were 150  
barrels of corn and four horses.

The property was tenanted by W. H.  
Payne, and owned by W. H. Gaines, of  
Warrenton. It is generally believed the  
fire was of incendiary origin.

Smallpox.  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
GRAVEL HILL, BUCKINGHAM, VA.,  
Jan. 4.—There is a case of smallpox near  
Newton, in the Buckingham  
branch of the Chesapeake and Ohio, and  
the patient came here from Pennsylvania  
to visit his sister, a Mrs. Perle. Drs.  
Nowlin and Randolph were called in and  
Justice Gregory ordered the person to  
quarantine and to place guards to  
prevent a further spread of the dis-  
ease.

ACCIDENT  
OR CRIME  
Coroner Has Busy Year, Show-  
ing Increase of Unnatural  
Deaths.

THE SALARY SYSTEM SAVES  
Fees for 273 Cases Amount to  
Far Larger Sum Than Dr.  
Taylor's Pay.

The city got the better of Coroner  
Taylor during the past year by the very  
considerable sum of \$115. Unnatural  
deaths are increasing in Richmond.  
For many years Dr. Taylor received  
a stipulated sum for each of the cases  
which came to his attention. Now he is  
paid a salary. During the year closing  
December 31st instant, he investigated  
273 cases of death by accident or other-  
wise, and so by the fee arrangement  
would have received \$2,005, instead of his  
\$2,350, his present salary.

But the doctor is not a man who be-  
lieves in making changes.  
He has never changed his estate of  
single unhappiness to that of wedded  
hills. Whether he withstands the oppor-  
tunities of leap year remains to be seen.  
He is perfectly content to let the salary  
remain where it is, though he feels as if  
he is being gently robbed by the new  
system. Judge Witt has just reapportioned  
Dr. Taylor's salary for the next two  
years. Originally the appointment is made in  
July, but the effect of the new con-  
stitution was that the term of office ex-  
pired January 1, 1901, that the city might  
not be without a coroner, and as January  
1st in law was a "dies non," Judge Witt  
made the appointment two or three days  
before the close of December.

From Dr. Taylor's report, just sub-  
mitted, Richmond is increasing in deaths  
from unnatural causes. The number for  
1903 is considerably larger than for the  
preceding year.

WESTMORELAND.  
The Christmas Season Gay, But  
Little Intemperance.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
HAGUE, VA., Jan. 4.—The weather here  
has continued, with scant intermissions,  
very cold. Much of the wheat is seeded  
quite late, and has had no chance to  
show itself above the ground. Sunday  
morning last the thermometer was down to  
15 degrees.

There has been much skating all this  
week on the various ponds and coves of  
creeks. Some ice was hauled a month  
ago four inches thick, and it is that  
thick now.

The Christmas season has drawn a  
good many people to the neighborhood.  
Dr. Logie and family and Mr. Tucker  
and family, of Washington, and Misses  
Keagle, of Baltimore, are guests of Mr.  
W. R. Crabbe, at Mount Pleasant.

Mrs. John R. Williams, of Princeton,  
N. J., with her husband, and two gen-  
eral friends, is visiting her parents  
at Wilton.

Lawyer R. C. Mayo, of Baltimore, is  
among his kindred and friends here.

Mr. Vauk, of Annapolis, Md., is visit-  
ing his wife and children, who are spend-  
ing the winter at Kenmore with Mrs.  
Murphy.

Miss Mary Blaud Murphy, after a long  
absence, is at her old home, and her sister,  
Miss Lizzie, is expected.

Miss Anne C. Davis is visiting home  
from her school in Sussex.

The following are home from their  
respective schools: G. W. Murphy, Jr.,  
from Randolph-Macon College; William  
from the V. P. L.; R. H. Beale,  
Jr., from Fredericksburg College, and S.  
E. Dawson, from Front Royal Academy.

Miss Rosa Atwell has returned home  
from her school in Fauquier.

Among all the entertainments of the  
Christmas season, though it has not  
been accessible to towns, I have not  
seen or heard of any drunkenness. Mr.  
Hopkins, of McGuire's Wharf, was re-  
cently fined, with costs to the amount  
of over \$50, for selling liquor, and there  
are several other warrants for the same  
hanging over him now.

MT. ATHOS AT AUCTION.  
A Valuable Ivory Miniature Por-  
trait of Sir John Moore.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
ORANGE, VA., Jan. 4.—Mr. Newman,  
the former home of Mr. C. W. Newman, who  
he sold at public auction on Thursday,  
January 14th.

Mr. Frank Bowers, who lives near  
Unionville, had his leg broken a few  
days ago, while felling trees in the  
woods.

There is deposited in the American  
Bank of this place, a portrait of Sir  
John Moore. It is a beautiful piece of  
art, and hand painted on ivory, 3 1/2  
inches in size. The owner has refused an  
offer of \$5,000.

Marriage licenses issued from the  
clerk's office in this county for the year  
1903, were whites sixty-seven, colored  
four, and negroes one hundred and twenty-  
eight, were recorded in the clerk's  
office during the year 1903.

BANK AT MINERAL.  
Louisia to Have Second National  
Bank With \$25,000 Capital.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
LOUISIA, VA., Jan. 4.—Another Na-  
tional Bank for Louisa county was or-  
ganized at Mineral Friday, with a capital  
stock of \$25,000. Those in the meeting  
were: James L. Shelton, Dr. W. J.  
Coleman, Dr. C. J. Terrell, J. C. Whit-  
lock, M. B. Quisenberry, D. E. Bumpas,  
J. B. Wooddy, J. N. Walker and S. J.  
Barnes.

A charter has been applied for, and the  
name proposed is "The National Bank of  
Louisia."

Shelton and Moore, of Richmond, will  
be the attorneys, and a meeting will be  
held between the 12th and 16th of this  
month for the purpose of electing offi-  
cers and business will be begun as  
quickly after that as possible.

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BARGES LOST  
IN THE STORM  
The Blow Was Equal to the  
Fierce Storm of Last  
October.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Jan. 4.—It is  
believed here that the fierce storm which  
swept over this section in Octo-  
ber, and which wrecked two barges, was  
swallowed up two coal barges, with their  
crews.

On Friday night the tug Navigator  
sailed from here with the barges Liberty  
and New Jersey, for Providence, R. I.  
The Navigator had no goods for the  
New Jersey, but the tug was ordered to  
upon her and wrested away the two  
barges.

After making futile efforts to get fresh  
hawsers aboard, the Navigator gave up  
the task and lay to until the blow was  
over.

All yesterday and to-day the tug has  
been patrolling up and down the coast  
near Hog Island, her skipper hoping  
against hope that the barges rode out  
the storm and will be able to come back  
under sail.

Those who experienced the full blast of  
the hurricane say it was equal to the  
blow which swept over this section in Oc-  
tober, and which wrecked the coast with  
wreckage.

Captain Peter Schipp and four men are  
aboard the Liberty, and Captain E. J.  
Hamel and three men are aboard the  
New Jersey.

Each barge has two thousand five hun-  
dred tons of coal.

IROQUOIS VICTIMS.  
Funeral of the Patterson Boys  
at Charlottesville.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., Jan. 4.—  
One of the saddest funerals that ever oc-  
curred in Charlottesville was that of yester-  
day afternoon of William and Frank  
Patterson, the two grandsons of Mr.  
John C. Patterson, of this city, who lost  
their lives in the Iroquois Theatre dis-  
aster. The bodies reached Charlottesville  
from Chicago at 1:30 o'clock yesterday  
afternoon in a Pullman attached to  
Chesapeake and Ohio Railway train, No.  
4, and were taken at once to the Sunday  
School room of the Christian Church,  
where they remained until the hour set  
for the funeral.

The sad service was presided over by  
the Rev. William T. Stuebel, of the  
Railway (N. J.) Presbyterian Church, the  
former pastor of the Patterson family be-  
fore their removal from New Jersey to  
Illinois. Other ministers assisting were  
Dr. George L. Pettie, pastor of the Char-  
lottesville Presbyterian Church, and the  
Rev. W. M. Forrest, who is now deliver-  
ing a course of Bible lectures at the Uni-  
versity. The attendance upon the service  
was very large, the church being crowd-  
ed.

Among those who came on to attend  
the funeral was Mr. J. A. Patterson, of  
Philadelphia, an uncle of the deceased.  
Another uncle, William C. Patterson, of  
Omaha, was detained in Chicago at the  
beside of his sixteen-year-old son, Fred,  
who was badly injured in the same fire.  
Fred attended the performance with his  
two cousins, but became lost from them  
in the panic. After getting out safely  
himself, he returned and succeeded in  
getting the younger of the two by the  
hand. Just before reaching the fire escape,  
the two were again separated.

Fred clambered upon the fire-escape,  
where he was knocked to the ground  
below, a distance of over fifteen  
feet. Both boys were so badly broken  
that they had to be amputated on yester-  
day.

Dr. Stuebel was accompanied to this  
city by his wife, who was especially de-  
voted to the two boys who met such a  
tragic end. Here in Charlottesville, where  
the two young men had spent some time  
last summer in company with their  
father, there was especial sorrow for the  
aged grandfather, to whom the deaths  
came as a severe shock.

TOBACCO FACTORY BURNS  
Heavy Loss on Danville Fire.

Another Assignment.  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
DANVILLE, VA., Jan. 4.—The tobacco  
manufacture of Traylor, Spencer & Co.,  
of Linn Street, owned jointly by John E.  
Traylor, of this city, and G. M. Traylor,  
of Ga., was burned to the ground  
early this morning. The entire plant, in-  
cluding building and stock, was totally  
destroyed. In an hour after the fire was  
discovered, the building was a mass of  
smouldering ruins. The loss is estimated  
at \$55,000. The insurance on the build-  
ing and stock is \$67,000.

Mr. F. H. Henderson Saturday evening  
filed in the Federal Court a petition in  
voluntary bankruptcy. The petition  
scheduled the liabilities of the petitioner  
at \$55,000, while the assets are placed at  
\$18,000. The papers in the case have  
been forwarded to Judge McDowell, at  
Lynchburg.

Deaths in Roanoke.  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
ROANOKE, VA., Jan. 4.—There were  
three deaths Sunday in three families of  
Norfolk and Western officials. Katherine,  
the five-year-old daughter of Joseph B.  
Lacy, paymaster, died of diphtheria; the  
five-year-old son of Ray H. Lahaue, chief  
clerk to Assistant General Superintendent  
G. W. Merritt, died of pneumonia, and the  
six-year-old daughter of Patrick Fay, died  
from the same disease.

Miss Beulah Gardner, a well-known  
young lady of Christiansburg, and a sister  
of Mr. J. O. Gardner, of this city, died  
Sunday from pneumonia, aged twenty  
years.

Mr. J. W. Crute, aged forty-three years,  
and well known in Roanoke, died Sunday  
at the City Hospital.

PROTESTS  
UNAVAILING  
Dance Halls and Other Places of  
Gathering in Chicago  
Ordered Closed.  
INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUED  
Chief Usher of Iroquois Theatre  
Placed Under Arrest—Charge  
Is Manslaughter.

(By Associated Press.)  
CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—As a result of the  
Iroquois Theatre fire and panic, in which  
500 persons lost their lives, Building  
Commissioner Williams to-night issued  
an order closing all public halls, dance  
halls and all similar places of public as-  
sembly until an inspector has shown that  
they are complying with all provi-  
sions of the building ordinance. All  
the theatres have already been closed. This  
leaves Chicago churches and lodge  
halls alone open for public gatherings.

As there are upwards of 400 halls in  
Chicago, ranging in size from those that  
will accommodate fifty persons to those  
with a seating capacity of 500, this or-  
der will affect probably as many persons  
as the theatre closing order. Protesters  
were numerous, but the building commis-  
sioner was inflexible. He said:  
"Many of these halls are worse than  
any theatre in Chicago; some of them  
are put up with no restrictions; such as  
govern theatres and many of them are  
fire-traps of the worst kind."

Two years ago a general inspection of  
halls was made before the beginning  
of Building Commissioner Williams' ad-  
ministration. Notwithstanding this, the  
commissioner declares that he will take  
no chances, and that every hall must  
satisfy the requirements.

Chief Building Commissioner Stanhope  
made another inspection of the Iroquois  
ruins to-day to prepare for the ques-  
tions, which will be asked by the coroner  
and jurors when the inquest begins.

Mayor Harrison named several aldermen,  
of the City Council Committee to control  
legislation in relation to theatres, met  
this afternoon with theatre managers,  
every play-house, excepting the Grand  
Northern, being represented. The man-  
agers asked if they could not open their  
houses, and sell seats on the lower floor  
only, but the mayor and aldermen re-  
fused this request. It was declared that  
all places must remain closed until the  
ordinance requirements had been fully met.

DESTROY SKYLIGHTS.  
This afternoon attorneys for the fire  
department secured from five witnesses  
several affidavits to the effect that the  
corroboration of the Fuller Construc-  
tion Company had destroyed the stage  
skylights on the day after the disaster.

Fire Inspector Fulkerson said:  
"It was the intention that these skylights  
should be removed and replaced by a  
draft which would draw them upwards  
instead of allowing them to pass over the  
audience. But from the information I  
have it am positive that the opening of the  
skylights was not the cause of the disaster.  
The cause of the lights had been placed  
pieces of scum which remained there  
until removed by employees of the Fuller  
Construction Company on Thursday af-  
ternoon."

It has been said by Powers and Davis,  
managers of the Iroquois Theatre, that  
the house was not filled on Wednesday  
afternoon at the time of the fire. This  
assertion was contradicted this afternoon  
by Manager Edwin H. Price, of the  
Bluebird Company, who said:  
"I should say," said Mr. Price, "that  
between ninety and one hundred tickets  
were sold after the theatre was filled.  
The day's receipts amounted to some-  
thing more than \$1,700."

Little result followed the examination  
of seven men on the stage when the fire  
broke out.

"We kept on singing and dancing and  
did not even know that there was a  
fire until sparks fell on the stage and  
two girls of the double octette fainted,"  
said William Sleek.

"It is the intention that we should  
be fired at, we turn our faces for an  
instant from the audience. All I know  
is that we stuck to our work until we  
had to run for our lives."

Sleek's story was corroborated by the  
other six men.

CLOSED THE DOORS.  
The police to-day arrested George M.  
Dusenberry, chief usher of the theatre,  
on a charge of manslaughter. Dusenberry  
declares that he tried to hold back the  
rush of spectators and help to save  
thirty women from the jammed front  
exits.

He is held to furnish evidence on the  
statements made by many people in the  
theatre that the ushers closed the doors,  
and that they at first refused to allow  
people to pass out.

Benjamin Solomon, a boy who rented  
opera glasses in the upper balcony to-  
day declared that all the ushers and at-  
tendants closed the doors and shouted to  
the spectators to remain seated, as there  
was no danger.

Coroner Traeger is looking for the chief  
scrub woman of the theatre, who, it is  
said, carried all the keys to the doors  
and exits of the balconies. She will be  
arrested when found.

In addition to the managers of the  
theatre, Will J. Davis and Harry J.  
Powers, every employee of the theatre  
has been summoned before the inquest  
Thursday morning, and many members  
of the Bluebird Company, who were not  
permitted to depart for New York yester-  
day, will also be called on to testify.

John R. Thompson, proprietor of the Iroquois  
Theatre, has lost the greater portion of his  
business since the fire. On the day of the  
disaster Mr. Thompson threw open his  
restaurant for the bodies of the dead and  
wounded. His services were widely ad-  
vertised in the papers driving nearly all  
his patrons away.

FIRES IN LEESBURG.  
Lady Burned to Death—Heavy  
Damage to Grocery Store.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
LEESBURG, VA., Jan. 4.—Two alarms  
of fire, following one another within a  
period of less than fifteen minutes oc-  
curred about 7 o'clock last night. The  
first was given upon observing smoke is-  
suing from the house of Miss Maudie  
Hend, on Loudoun Street. Upon being  
sent to the front door of her house, specta-  
tor open the door and found the body of  
Miss Hend stretched across the hall,  
clashed to a cinder. It is supposed that  
the clothing of Miss Hend became igni-  
te, and she was attempting to light a  
candle, and her mad rush to the front  
entrance, which destroyed her before she  
could summon aid.

She was a maiden lady, living alone in  
her home, fifty-five years of age. She  
was the daughter of Captain George R.  
Head, of the Loudoun Guard, C. S. A.,  
at one time mayor and postmaster of  
Leesburg, and representative from Loudoun  
county in the Legislature, and niece  
of Dr. Nelson Head, a famous divine  
of the Methodist Church.

Before the crowd around Miss Hend's  
house had been able to take in the hor-  
ror of her death, a second alarm sounded  
and flames were discovered issuing